Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Commission Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW CY-B402 Washington, De 20554

Re: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On behalf of the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance, I am pleased to recommend approval of the pending application by SBC for long distance service in Michigan.

SBC is a respected corporation and plays an important role in employment in the Southeast Michigan region. SBC also provides the essential communication services to the businesses that employee them. It is our sincere hope that this application is approved and SBC is allowed to bring the same commitment to long distance service that they have demonstrated in other services.

Sincerely, Southeast Michigan Community Alliance

John B. O'Reilly, Jr. Executive Director